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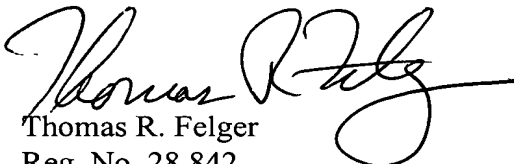
Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicant makes no representation that this document qualifies as prior art or that this document is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from this reference.

Applicants believe that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action in this case. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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